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DAY OF OPPORTUNITY DAWNING

To those college graduates, and all young men and women in the world today, who are setting out to earn a living, we would like to refute the many claims that the day of opportunity is past. It is frequently heard that the current high tax structure in this country, and in most countries, discourages initiative and drive, and that the day of individual fortunes is past.

All the facts and figures available refute this as complete nonsense. In almost every community in this great country there are wealthy business men who have made nearly every penny of their fortunes since World War II.

The nation is growing in population by over one million a year, the long-term trend is toward a higher standard of living, and the free enterprise system is still respected and protected in these United States. That is all any ambitious, and talented, young person needs today. While it is true that taxes will take a greater proportion of income than they took twenty or thirty years ago, it is also true that there are many advantages for the youth of today which were not enjoyed by the generation which preceded him.

For one thing, there is a larger national market. For another, the standard of living is higher and wages and salaries are generally higher. For another there is better transportation and innumerable scientific advantages which can be taken advantage of in industrial fields. In addition to these advantages, we believe that the dawn of the world's most adventurous era is now arriving. Far more thrilling than the discovery of America will be the first trip to the moon, or Mars, or a nearby planet. During the lifetime of this country's present youth this trip will probably be successfully completed.

As the heavens reveal their secrets, and as outer space is conquered, the age of real adventure will only be beginning. Therefore, far from being pessimistic about opportunities afforded youth today, we believe the young people of today have the brightest future of any generation yet spawned in this country. From the economic standpoint, they also enjoy many safeguards which their forefathers did not enjoy, and for which they paid heavily in periods of depression. We see Garden of Eden existence, nor perfect bed of roses for everyone, but the prospect is bright for those with talent and pluck and willingness to work.

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THE CALIFORNIA CLUE

A strong shift towards the Democrats in California was indicated recently when Edmund G. Brown won a popular vote margin of considerable proportions over U. S. Senator William F. Knowland. Brown is a Democrat and Knowland is a Republican.

While both men easily won their party's nomination, because each had cross-filed on the opposition ticket, the election was a real test of general support in California, and seems to indicate that the tide is running strongly in favor of the Democratic party.

This could be an important clue concerning this November's Congressional elections. Moreover, if the tide is not changed, it could be a two-year clue for the Presidential election in 1960. California, of course, is one of the nation's most populous states, and is growing increasingly important in Presidential elections. There has even been speculation that a victory by Brown, in his race against Minority Senate Leader William Knowland, would catapult California into the spotlight and provide a possible Democratic nominee for the Presidential campaign. The Republicans, of course, already have at least one major nominee from California—Vice President Richard Nixon.

In summary, the lesson to be read in the California voting is that the tide at present is running Democratic. This could be the result of economic difficulties, dissatisfaction with the party in power, or could be confined largely to California matters. The true situation is probably a combination of both national and California developments.

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SUNBURN CAN BE FATAL

Looking around us, we see many of our fellow citizens in various degrees of "tanning." This brings to mind the death, a few years ago, of a twenty-four-year-old man in another state, due to sunburn, and the recollection of such a tragedy should serve to warn all persons, and especially fair-skinned people, that it can be dangerous to expose oneself unduly to the rays of the sun.

It is not always the brightness of the sun that causes fatal burns. On slightly overcast days the solar rays can filter through and be as powerful as the bright sunlight.

We do not know too much about the rays of the sun other than that they are extremely powerful. Some patients are exposed to the rays of the sun for treatment, especially tuberculosis victims, but it is safe to assume that if beneficial results can be secured, there is the possibility of harmful effects, too. We do not go into the question of pigmentation, which explains why some people are easily sunburned and others are not. It is well, however, for everyone to be temperate in exposure.

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HOT WEATHER HINTS

Just in case the severe hot weather worries readers of this newspaper and makes them think that they will likely be victims of sunstrokes or heat prostration, we call attention to some advice for the torrid days.

Sunstrokes have warning symptoms, including headache, nausea and a dry skin, and the heat prostration cautions sub y pallor, a feeble heart action, and sub-normal temperature. They attack aged adults and the very young, but everybody can, and should, take precautions.

Over-exertion is dangerous and over-eating serious. Excess sugar and fat in the diet should be avoided, meat taken lightly, and raw vegetables and fruits consumed freely. Cool water, but not iced, is recommended, along with light clothes and frequent baths.

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Washington Notes

Marriage, Birth Lag

The slackening off of marriages and births — blamed on the recession — continued through March, the Public Health Service reported recently.

The 90,000 weddings estimated for the month were 9.1 per cent below the the 99,000 reported for March last year. That's a rate of 6.1 per thousand population, and the lowest March since 1950. Marriages have been on a downward trend since last September.

March births were estimated at 345,000, down 1.1 per cent from the 349,000 in March 1957. This was the third consecutive month in which births dropped slightly lower than the corresponding totals of last year.

Ant-Artic Treaty

The State Department has announced that all eleven nations invited by President Eisenhower to discuss a new treaty for Ant-Artica have accepted.

Among the nations transmitting their acceptance of the invitation was the Soviet Union.

The aim of the treaty, as expressed in the United States notes to the eleven nations May 3, would be to "freeze" all existing territorial claims and permit freedom of scientific investigations by citizens of all nations over the entire Continent. Such investigation is being carried out by scientists of the eleven nations under the International Geophysical Year program, but that ends Dec. 31.

New Building Up

The government reported recently that new construction activity last month totaled 4.1 billion dollars, a 10 per cent increase over April.

The commerce and labor departments said this preliminary estimate was in line with seasonal expectations.

For the first five months of this year the dollar volume of construction was estimated at 17.7 billion dollars, about the same as a year ago.

Redstone Missiles

The United States will begin arming its forces in West Germany with 200-mile Redstone missiles at the end of June.

The first Redstone Army unit is scheduled to leave Hampton Roads, Va., June 29.

Calls For Tax Cut

The Council of State Chambers of Commerce have called for a public outpouring of letters to persuade Congress to cut taxes this year, as an anti-recession measure.

Rejecting the Administration's view that tax reduction would cause insupportable budget deficits, the council said five of the last six tax cuts had paid for themselves by generating new profits and income.

President Eisenhower maintains that no general tax cut is necessary at this time to restore the country to economic health.

LOCKE - STERNE

Mr. and Mrs. William Holmes Sterne announce the marriage, of their daughter, Ann Holmes, to Mr. Bill Augustus Locke, on Saturday, June 7th, at Garden City Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va. A reception was given in the home of the bride's cousin, Mrs. James Ray Huff, Christianburg, Va. After a southern trip, the couple will make their home in Roanoke. Mr. Locke is employed with Agricultural Chemicals.

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June 16.- Farmers are [illegible] the sun shines.

[illegible] closed for the summer [illegible] children are at home [illegible] vacations.

[illegible] and Cassie Ballard [illegible] the Training Union [illegible] Library on last Monday [illegible]

[illegible] for the monthly [illegible] Tuesday night.

[illegible] Robert Roach and [illegible] the week-end in Waynesboro [illegible] the former's son-in-law [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. L. M. [illegible]

Mrs. Hutson Dickerson [illegible] of Brookneal, were [illegible] Mrs. Lewis Dickerson [illegible] Wednesday.

[illegible] spent a few days [illegible] last week with her [illegible]

[illegible] (Subject to change without notice) [illegible] 9:00 & 9:30 P. M. [illegible] Thursday, S P. M. Feature [illegible] Sunday only - you can [illegible] before after 9:15.

[illegible] June 20, 21 [illegible] in 'Lawless Eighties' [illegible] 'Buck Venture'

[illegible] June 22, 23 [illegible] - Joan Collins in [illegible] 'Sayonara Tokyo'

[illegible] Thurs., June 24-26 [illegible] 'Greatest Sea' [illegible] By popular request [illegible] showing of: [illegible] 'Can't Help It'

[illegible] THEATRE

[illegible] June 20, 21 [illegible] Disney's 'Bambi'

[illegible] Fisher has a new way [illegible] turkeys to a fresh [illegible] twice a week.

He constructed a "rolling" [illegible] by welding wheels to his [illegible] Each wheel has a [illegible] hooking device to keep [illegible] from moving, once a [illegible] range is found.

[illegible] explains, "this solves [illegible] problem of taking down [illegible] wire, pulling up posts [illegible] rewelling them again." [illegible] he just hooks his tractors [illegible] both ends of the fence, and [illegible] away.

son, Holmsey Inge, Jr., and family.

Mrs. Margaret Payne, of Richmond spent Fathers Day here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder.

Miss Erma Lee Shelton entered Lynchburg General Hospital last week for an operation.

Quite a few have been visiting Mrs. Hunter F. Martin at Lynchburg General Hospital since she has been there. She hopes to come home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Harris, Sr., celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary Saturday. Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ferguson entertained them for supper.

Mrs. Clarence Richardson and Ruby, Doc Goin, Mrs. Etta Grange, Joyce Grange and Jean Staman spent Sunday in Crewe, with the former's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Julan Glover.

Rev. Charles R. Sharpe, of Louisville, Ky., preached a trial sermon to the Rocks field of churches at Rocks last Sunday. He brought a fine message. Mrs. Sharpe and children accompanied him here.

Tommy Bradshaw, Boots and Florence Marks, of Richmond, are here this week for the Bible School.

TOUGH EGGS!

Bettsville, Ohio.- An egg company truck careened off a highway, slid 587 feet along a roadside ditch and knocked down two utility poles. The truck was loaded with eggs, but not a single one of them was broken.

Better Late Than Never

Richmond, Ind.- John Lybarger didn't feel he was being unfair when he charged a customer $26 interest on a suit that only cost $29 to start with.

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

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From where I sit, progress never happens when you "close your eyes" to new methods or ideas. That's true in a community, too. All of us should be open-minded about our neighbors' opinions even if they differ from our own. For instance, I like a cold glass of beer on a summer evening, my neighbor always chooses iced-tea. But we respect each other's preferences and don't "fence in" each other's ideas.

Joe Marsh

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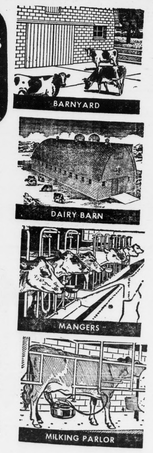

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Time of Troubles

Lesson for June 15, 1958

Dr. Foreman

UNLESS than half the chapters of the Book of Judges in the Bible are considered to be fit to print,—as Sunday school lessons, that is, in quarterlies to be used by children and young people. It is only rarely that a lesson from this strange book appears, and most of it never does come out as a lesson. The curious reader can easily find out why, by reading the book for himself. He will find that it consists mostly of crime stories or adventure stories, tied together by a sobersided and religious editor (name unknown) who plainly believed that these stories, frightening or exciting or comic or disgusting as they might be, nevertheless taught valuable lessons. What lessons can we of the 20th century, far removed from those lawless days, learn from these ancient stories?

"... What Was Right In His Own Eyes?"

First of all, we can see what it would be like if we abolished the police and the courts, burned the law books, never said "Don'ts" to anybody, but left everybody to do as he pleased. There are silly optimists now and then who think that human nature is naturally so good that all you need to do is to leave people alone, and their natural goodness will arrange everything just right. This is not true and it was never true. The editor of the book of Judges more than once appears to apologize, or offer some explanation, for the horrible events in some of his collected tales. Those were the days, he says, when there was no king in Israel, and every man did that which was right in his own eyes. "Right in his own eyes" is the key phrase. Here is pure individualism, here is anarchy. Here is the paradise of those who think the less law the better, and no law at all the ideal. This is the story of —not what can happen or might happen, but the true story of what did happen, when a whole nation forgot God and paid no attention to his laws and just went on "jags" of doing what they pleased, time after time. It was mess after mess. It is good for us (though unpleasant) that God's Providence has preserved for us these stories of what lawlessness will do to a nation.

Leading Lady

There is a brighter side of the book of Judges. The word "Judge" in this book has nothing to do with courts. (Samson, for example, was one of the least judicious men known to history.) The word here means Hero, Deliverer, Military Leader. The judges were not saints, as we understand saints; but they were believers in God, they were God's Strong Men. The story of Deborah in chapters 4 and 5 shows that when men were scarce, a woman might take over, with great results. In every case of the war-like heroes we meet in these pages, we learn that God called him (or her) to his military achievement. But we can see also that these men were not puppets on God's strings. They thought and fought freely and bravely, putting their trust in God. The story of Deborah is specially interesting, because she was not a strange character, a sort of Joan of Arc, but a "regular person," a "mother in Israel" as she called herself. Even in the darkest times when a real leader appears, people will follow.

Private Morals and Public Welfare

Another very important lesson taught by the book of Judges is that private morals can't be kept private. The entire community is made strong or weak by the strength of the weakness of individuals. The whole story of the time of the "Judges" is a kind of up-and-down cycle like a roller-coaster. The nation would win freedom; but then it would get run down and weakened by laziness, loose living and vice; then it would fall an easy victim to one of the many nations that were always waiting for a chance to move in on them. Then they would be, to all intents and purposes, slaves of that enemy nation for years. Only when the people came back to God and his laws, did they recover the moral strength which built up their national strength to the point where—under some new leader—they could throw off the chains of bondage.

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Pamplin

Pamplin, June 17.- Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black and Miss Mary Riven Black were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Anders, of Bealston.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Terry, of Washington, D. C. were week-end visitors in the home of his mother, Mrs. H. T. Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wood, of Charlottesville were week-end visitors in the home of her mother, Mrs. H. F. Clarke.

Miss Lou Caldwell, of Martinsville visited Miss Janice Ruth McClenny last week, and accompanied her to Camp Viewmont, where they expect to spend several weeks.

Mrs. H. M. Marshall spent Saturday in Lynchburg.

Recent visitors in the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall were Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Bateman, of Warwick.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dickerson spent Sunday with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Williamson, of Lynchburg. They were accompanied home by their granddaughter, Linda Williamson to spend this week.

Misses Wilsie and Mattie Thornton and Mrs. Bessie Mattox visited relatives at Roanoke this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Davis and son, Harry visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. L. McClenny, of Farmville last week.

The Cub Scout Pack 119 and their parents visited a TV station, Mill Mountain and Lakeside, Roanoke, Saturday.

E. N. Harvey and son, Wilson spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Lucado, of Keysville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Davis and daughter, Kathy, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wayne, of Phenix.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Entertaining Sunday afternoon at their home, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart McD. Farrar jointly with Mr. and Mrs. N. Kenneth Farrar, of Pearisburg, invited a group of close relatives to a party, complimenting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Farrar on their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The spacious lower floor rooms were redolent of summer flowers and magnolia blossoms, with an arrangement of yellow roses, centering the refreshment table. The theme of gold and white was carried out in decorations, refreshments and gifts. A huge wedding cake, inscribed with a frosting the wedding dates, was cut by the honorees.

The hostesses were assisted in serving by their little daughters, Norma Katherine, Anne Stuart, Sally Stickley and Elizabeth Jane Franklin Farrar.

Mrs. James Hunt and two daughters, Marsha and Linda, of Annapolis, Md., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slayton recently.

Pamplin Rt. 1

Pamplin, R. F. D. One.- The W. S. C. S. of Piney Ridge Church met in the home of Mrs. Mary Sizemore Wednesday night.

Mr. English Clifton, of Roanoke visited his brother, Vester Clifton recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arrington, of Tappahannock and Mrs. Zadie Arrington and family, of Powhatan, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Miss Phyllis Clifton and Mrs. Annie Meadows spent the week-end in Richmond with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meadows and attended the Review of the Martinique School of Dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ranson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Arrington and family spent Saturday in Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Clifton visited in Cullen Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards and family, of Cullen visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meadows and family Sunday.

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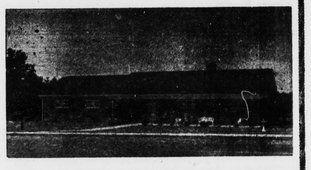

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